

4 a second step of dividing a subject of said schedule into a plurality of groups;
5 a third step of comparing one group in said plurality of groups obtained by
6 division with said first conference-holding condition to make a coincident result be a
7 second conference-holding condition;

8 a fourth step off comparing one of said plurality of groups, which is not yet
9 compared with any previous conference-holding conditions, with said second
10 conference-holding condition, and

11 a fifth step of outputting a retrieval result obtained by said fourth step.

1 22. A schedule server apparatus coupled to terminal apparatuses allocated
2 to schedule-reserving persons and schedule-reserved persons through a communication
3 line for retrieving idle time of a schedule, comprising:

4 communication control means for transmitting data to said terminal apparatuses
5 and for receiving data from said terminal apparatuses ; and

6 retrieving means for dividing each of schedules registered for a plurality of
7 people or a plurality of equipments into a plurality of groups and retrieving common
8 idle time among said plurality of groups while taking significance degrees of respective
9 groups into account.